Direction to telecom industrial units

†1814. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telecom industrial units working in the country have been directed to carry out verification of all their customers and submit report to Government;

(b) if so, when these directives were issued;

(c) the names of companies which have submitted their reports after carrying out verification of their customers; and

(d) the reasons for delay in not doing so and by when the companies would finally submit their reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) As per license conditions, the mobile telephone service providers are required to ensure adequate verification of each and every customer before enrolling him as subscriber. Instructions in this regard have been issued from time to time by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to all the service providers. This includes obtaining proof of identity and address from the subscribers. Instructions have also been issued to all the mobile service providers on 22nd November, 2006 for re-verification of existing subscribers by end of March 2007. The industry associations are furnishing periodic reports regarding status of re-verification of existing subscribers on behalf of all the service providers.

Waiting list of telephone subscribers of BSNL

†1815. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that those desirous of having telephone connection under BSNL are still in the waiting-list;

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